

Honorable Chair and Members of the
City Council Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee
and the Torrance Unified School District Board of Education
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Committee and Board:

SUBJECT: Joint Meeting of the Torrance City Council Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee and Members of the Board of Education of the Torrance Unified School District

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Torrance City Council Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee and Board Members of the Board of Education of the Torrance Unified School District accept and file this status report on the implementation of a new After School Club at Jefferson Middle School and on the Youth Sports Basketball Usage Requests.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

At the joint meeting of the Torrance City Council Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee and Members of the Board of Education of the Torrance Unified School District on April 15, 2013, the Committee approved the new City of Torrance and Torrance Unified School District Joint Use Agreement for facilities and services. Since that time, the Board of Education approved this Joint Use Agreement on Monday, May 6, 2013, and the City Council approved this Joint Use Agreement on May 7, 2013.

As this is the first meeting since these approval dates, staff wanted to provide a status on a couple of topics that fall within this agreement. Below, staff has provided a brief status report on the implementation of a new After School Club at Jefferson Middle School and status on the Youth Sports Basketball Usage Requests.

STATUS OF THE AFTER SCHOOL CLUB AT JEFFERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

At the City Council Budget Meeting of May 14, 2013, Jefferson Middle School Principal Lee Lee Chou approached the City Council and requested the city consider implementing a new after school club at her school. The City Council requested that staff provide information about existing after school programs at Middle Schools and the feasibility of offering one at Jefferson Middle School.

At the City Council Budget Meeting of May 21, 2013, staff provided a brief report on the feasibility and costs associated with the implementation of an after school program at Jefferson Middle School. At the conclusion of the presentation, Principal Chou stated under public

comments, that an after school program was greatly needed at the school, and submitted a petition in support of the program. The City Council unanimously approved the funding for a new After School Club at Jefferson Middle School to start in the fall.

Typically, the addition of any new programs or events would come before this committee for approval; this program was unique in that it was processed through the City Council Budget Process. Due to this request coming from TUSD and with City Council approving the funding, this request did not need a final approval. Staff will now include this program within the Joint Use Agreement.

To date, staff has worked with Principal Chou to do the following:

- Acquired approval to utilize the Jefferson Cafeteria as the After School Club meeting place for the duration of the 2013-2014 school year
- Obtained approval for the distribution of After School Club flyers to parents and students
- Submitted request to send an e-mail message to students and teachers promoting the Jefferson After School Club
- Submitted application to hang banner promoting the Jefferson After School Club
- In the process of coordinating the installation of a phone line for usage by City of Torrance staff and program participants

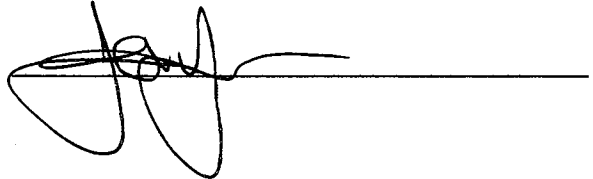
STATUS OF THE YOUTH SPORTS BASKETBALL USAGE REQUESTS FOR 2014

Last year, the amount of TUSD gym hours available for use by the Youth Sports Basketball Program was 483 hours. Staff typically request upwards of 800 hours per year in order to fully accommodate the Youth Basketball Season. Currently, it appears that there may be more hours available for use based on information received from 2 of the 4 high schools. To date, Torrance High School has 210 hours of use available and South High School has 322 hours of use available, with just these two schools this total amount of hours available to the Youth Sports Basketball Program is at 532 hours.

Given this information, staff will wait for the available use results from North and West High Schools, and then evaluate how best to use our 483 hours as agreed per the Joint Use Agreement. After this evaluation is complete, staff may consider re-approaching the committee to request the use of additional hours.

Respectfully submitted,

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CONCUR:



LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager